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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : G. Leffers  
DIU-HERCEND et al :  
Serial No.: 09/674,109 : Group: 1636  
Filed: June 21, 2001 :  
For: METHOD ...S.CERVISIAE :  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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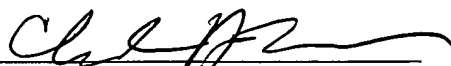
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**March 19, 2004.**

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